

MRS. LUNDGREN IS HEARD IN DEFENCE

Nurse, Accused of Murder, Says Miss Gay Took Bromide Preparations.

OFTEN ACTED QUEERLY

She Declares Doctor Said Patient Had Mental and Physical Breakdown.

LAWRENCE, Mass., June 24.—Speaking in a low voice that it was found necessary to move her chair close to the jury box, Mrs. Beattie M. (Skeels) Lundgren, on trial for the murder of Miss Florence W. Gay, testified in her own defence today. She will resume the stand to-morrow morning.

Because her physicians said they feared for her health Mrs. Lundgren was allowed to remain seated even when taking the oath. She told of the principal incidents in her life and described conditions in the Gay home in Andover, where she attended Miss Gay and her mother as a nurse.

Mrs. Lundgren said that she went to the Gay home on Thanksgiving Day, 1916, as a substitute nurse for Mrs. Gay, who was an invalid, but was soon engaged permanently and remained until February, 1918. Mrs. Gay was helpless and was very thin, nervous and hysterical and had frequent crying spells.

The defendant testified that Miss Gay's case was diagnosed by Dr. Charles E. Abbott of Andover as called in and declared that she was suffering from a mental and physical breakdown.

Mrs. Lundgren testified that she had been married three times and that she divorced her first husband, Nathaniel Townsend, after three months, on grounds of intoxication and desertion. Her second husband, Frank Skeels, was a manager for a sewing machine company in Dayton, Ohio, and when living there she took courses in nursing at Dayton, Columbus and Cleveland.

Mrs. Skeels' death was bad, the witness said. They came to Lawrence in 1905 and he died three years later, leaving in cash, her father's money, and \$20,000 in life insurance. In 1918 and 1919 she let her \$100 life insurance.

In the period between Mr. Skeels' death and her taking up nursing the witness said she supported herself for a time by giving readings, teaching elocution and physical culture and taking in sewing. Later she kept a lodging house. It was a picture of that house, she said, that she showed Dr. George H. Saxemith when at her brother's home in Bayonne, N. J., and concerning which Dr. Saxemith had offered testimony previously.

WINS DECREE FROM AN ALIEN HUSBAND

Marriage of Edward F. Grube Is Annulled.

Because before their marriage Edward F. Grube of 249 West 127th street had represented that he was an American citizen and Mrs. Grube later found that he possessed an enemy alien registration card she was successful yesterday in obtaining an order for the annulment of their marriage before Justice Edward R. Finch in the Supreme Court.

They were married January 28 and lived together two weeks. Mr. Grube was injured in an accident early in February. Mrs. Grube said, and while he was in the hospital she took care of him. She said she was a nurse and that she had some necessary articles and came upon the registration card. She told the court that when she accused him of being an alien, he admitted it, at which she promptly left him. Mrs. Grube declared she had no other complaint against her husband other than that he was a foreign subject of the Kaiser.

In his answer Grube denied that he had ever told his wife that he was an American citizen, but he was perfectly willing to become a citizen at any time. His first wife was drowned in the Titanic steamboat disaster about fifteen years ago. The annulment was granted on record in the Bronx.

POPE PRAISES PROJECT.

Cables Benediction to Promoters of Plan to Aid France.

Cabled appreciation from the hierarchy of the Catholic Church in Europe was received yesterday by Archbishop Hayes of New York for the financial help that the Catholics of America have promised the people of the same religion in the devastated parts of northern and eastern France in rebuilding the churches that were destroyed by the Germans.

Cardinal Gasparri, for Pope Benedict, cabled the praise of His Holiness for "the pious design of assisting French Catholics in the reconstruction of their works damaged by the war and in the defense and preservation of the religious life of Catholic France. He sends cordially to the noble promoters and co-operators his special apostolic benediction."

"I am deeply touched by the manifestation of fraternal sympathy for the distress of France ravished by German barbarity," read the cablegram of Cardinal Amette, Archbishop of Paris. From Cardinal Lugger, Archbishop of Rheims, the following message was received: "I hope that France will wish to remain faithful to the faith of her ancestors and trusting that America, which is so liberal, will not seek to turn France away from that faith."

U. S. Troops Out of Russia.

BREAST, June 24.—The transports Mesopotamia and Forto arrived here at noon to-day, bringing from America the last of the American troops there except engineers left to clean up the American base. Brig-Gen. W. P. Richardson, commander of the American forces in northern Russia, was aboard the Porto.

Navy Makes \$400,000 on Cloth.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—The Navy Department has sold 500,000 yards of cloth at a profit of nearly \$400,000 over the average bid price, it was announced to-day. The total quantity offered for sale was \$46,500 yards.

Queens Newspaper Man Gets Job.

James P. Conroy, a Queens county newspaper man, has been appointed secretary to Deputy Public Service Commissioner A. Alfred Smith. He lives at 169 Amity street, Flushing.

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MAX GRIFFENHAGEN HELD UP IN DAYTIME

Ex-Sheriff Victim of Two Young Bandits as He Walks in Tenth Avenue.

Former Sheriff Max S. Griffenhagen, walking on Tenth Avenue between Third and Fourth streets yesterday afternoon, was suddenly seized by two youths, one of whom twisted his arms while the other rifled his pockets. They got \$10. The street was crowded with traffic at the time, but no one attempted to interfere with the highwaymen. Mr. Griffenhagen said that neither of the young men displayed guns, but he had no doubt they were armed.

"It all happened so quickly that I hardly realized what was up," he said. "There were several men standing in front of the American Express Company's office on the other side of the street but they hesitated to come to my assistance when they saw ten or twelve other men standing by who were probably members of the same gang. I didn't blame them."

The former Sheriff was on his way from his factory at Tenth Avenue and Twenty-fifth street to a building which he owned at Tenth Avenue and Thirty-second street. He had reached a point just behind the Pennsylvania Railroad cut, where there is a high board fence, when one of the young highwaymen seized his arm from behind and pulled him through the fence. The other quickly rummaged through his pockets. Mr. Griffenhagen said he prevented the loss of some valuable papers in his left breast pocket by twisting the wrist of his assailant. In the same pocket was a badge which had been presented to him when he was chief of police of New York city.

After they had found the wallet the two young men broke away. Mr. Griffenhagen said, and were followed by the curbstone gang moving along the street. He then through Thirty-second street. The former Sheriff said they moved leisurely and without any apparent fear that there would be a pursuit. He believed the gang had been planning the attack for some time, because he regularly walks through that neighborhood on business. The holdup men evidently believed that he carried considerable money.

Mr. Griffenhagen showed little disposition to tell his story at first and was only persuaded to notify the police, he said, by the advice of his tenant. He then was moved to remark that holding pedestrians up in broad daylight on crowded thoroughfares was pushing the matter a little far. He said he was sure that the police do something to check these depredations.

Detectives brought in five young men of 20 to 25 years after a short time, but they were unable to identify any of them.

He said he did not get a close view of any except the two who held him up. While they did not display guns, he said, he was certain they were armed.

GUARD SEEKS OVERSEAS MEN.

Officers Who Served in A. E. F. Get Preference.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

ALBANY, June 24.—Adjt.-Gen. Charles W. Berry declared emphatically to-day that Gov. Smith and the New York Guard officers are anxious to have officers who have served overseas come into the State organization. He made this statement after reading a letter to Gov. Smith signed by J. J. Brown of New York city, without an address, stating that Mr. Brown and several of his friends who were officers in the A. E. F. applied for reinstatement in their old guard organization and were turned down.

Gen. Berry said preference was being given to men with overseas service who were in the former National Guard, as their training and experience make them valuable to the New York State organization.

Twelve companies of the New York Guard will be inspected next week preparatory to the order to-day. The thirteenth Coast Artillery, Company G of the Twenty-third Infantry, Brooklyn; one company of the Sixty-ninth, New York; three companies of the Third Infantry, Rochester; one company of the Third Infantry, Oswego; the Third Infantry, Syracuse; Troop F, First Cavalry, Staten Island.

NEW YORKER TEMPLAR HEAD.

R. D. Williams Elected Grand Commander of State.

ITHACA, June 24.—Robert D. Williams, of New York city was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, State of New York, at the election held at the 106th annual convocation of the order to-day. Other officers elected were as follows: Deputy Grand Commander, Robert A. Greenfield, Mount Vernon; Grand Generalissimo, George H. Hanford, Syracuse; Grand Captain General, Stuart H. Walker, Staten Island; Grand Senior Warden, Allan J. Hastings, Olean; Grand Junior Warden, Ernest W. Lovejoy, New York; Grand Prelate, Bert G. Sherman, Burdette; Grand Treasurer, George A. Newell, Medina; Grand Recorder, John H. Bonington, New York; Grand Standard Bearer, Cyrus L. Barber, Buffalo; Grand Sword Bearer, H. H. Schmidt, Rochester; Grand Warden, Willard W. Bliss, Ithaca. A feature of the convocation to-day was the annual parade of nearly 3,000 uniformed Knights Templar.

New Anti-Disloyalty Bill Offered.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Another measure aimed at prevention of the spread of disloyalty by imposing heavy penalties for persons guilty of inciting others against the Government and its officers was introduced to-day by Representative Mays (Ill.), Democrat.

\$275,000 LOSS AS GEMS DISAPPEAR

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engaged rooms at the Biltmore. They had closed their Park Avenue home, and after the funeral of Mr. Millhiser on May 26 they went to Biltmore.

The Biltmore's safe deposit boxes are within the enclosure of the room clerk's desk, just back of the mail box cabinet. They are made of steel and each is about four inches wide and three inches high. They can be seen from the main ground floor stairway through the glass of a partition barrier. The name of the clerk whom Mrs. Millhiser asked for a box is not disclosed.

The custom as to the safekeeping of patrons' valuables at the Biltmore does not differ materially from that of banks. The clerk brings a safety deposit box to the desk or counter and gives the applicant a key, which fits no other lock. The guest tucks into the box whatever he wishes to leave, locks it and retains the key. No questions are asked as to the nature or value of the contents. That is the guest's business. It is said at the hotel that the customary lack of curiosity was manifested by the clerk to whom Mrs. Millhiser applied.

No box can be opened, except by violence, without the use of both the individual key in the possession of the guest and a master key which is kept in the hotel office. The master key releases a set of tumblers, but the operation is completed until the individual key is inserted and turned. Mrs. Millhiser, the story goes, came down from her room on May 20 with two packages in her hands and put them into the safety box herself and then permitted a clerk to turn the lock. Then, confident that her jewels were in good keeping, she went February, 1918, and made preparations for her husband's funeral.

Only the person in whose name the box stands, which is recorded in that person's handwriting at the office, can have the box opened. There was a hint yesterday that it will be ascertained in a certain quarter that somebody had access to the Millhiser box between May 20 and June 10 when Mrs. Millhiser again presented herself. Mrs. Millhiser is a handsome woman of unmistakable face and carriage and is well known to the Biltmore clerks. They agree that no impostor could fool them, however well disguised. No official assertion is made that there is any suspicion of imposture or personation, but a hint in this direction that was the only one given yesterday, not the least mystifying feature of the case.

Woman Discovers Loss.

On June 13, when Mrs. Millhiser returned for her jewels, she had her individual key. It is not clear, because of the secrecy everybody is maintaining, whether she dealt with the same clerk who had been visiting her at the Biltmore. She was sure she was not personally manipulated her key after the master key had been turned or permitted the clerk to open the receptacle. She asked the clerk to open the box and there were still two packages. She opened them, scrutinized everything carefully and cried out that part of her treasures had disappeared.

The Biltmore management was naturally perturbed. It was suggested to Mrs. Millhiser that she might have been mistaken as to what was in the packages, but she was sure she was not. There was also a theory that if robbery had been done it might have taken place before she took the jewels to the hotel office. She was content of the outcome of her visit, and reported favorably to the Board of Aldermen yesterday. Under the rules it will lie over for a week, when it is expected it will be passed. The fee was reduced from \$1,000 to \$500.

\$500 LICENSE URGED FOR CURB BROKERS

Amended Ordinance Cuts Out \$25,000 Bond Clause.

As amended by the General Welfare Committee, the ordinance of Alderman William F. Quinn, providing a license for curb brokers, was reported favorably to the Board of Aldermen yesterday. Under the rules it will lie over for a week, when it is expected it will be passed. The fee was reduced from \$1,000 to \$500.

The provision for a bond of \$25,000 by brokers for the faithful observance of their financial obligations was cut out. The proposed ordinance reads: "Curb brokers, Section 1. Definition: 'All persons dealing in the purchase, sale or exchange of stocks, bonds, notes or securities in that section of the city known as the curb market, in Broad street, Borough of Manhattan, shall be deemed to be curb brokers and their place of business shall be known as the Curb Exchange.'

"Section 2. License fee: term: 'Every curb broker shall pay an annual license fee of \$500, and all licenses for curb brokers shall be issued as of January 1 of each year and shall expire on the 31st day of December next succeeding the date of issuance thereof.'

"Section 3. Suspension and revocation: 'Any person who shall carry on business after such license has been suspended, revoked or expired shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'

In its report the Committee on General Welfare said it was convinced the city should undertake supervision through its Commissioner of Licenses on the business of the curb market.

"A great deal of complaint has come from citizens in the matter of the exploitation of worthless stocks by unscrupulous brokers having no connection with the Association of Curb Brokers, and as a matter of protection to the public and to the citizen desiring to trade in curb securities, some regulatory ordinance should be placed in the code.

"The committee is of the opinion that the license fee of \$1,000 and the bond of \$25,000 contained in the introductory resolution. It is also of the opinion that the proposed license should go into the general fund."

TEAMSTER PICKETS TIE UP FRESH FOODS

Strikers Vote to Continue the Fight Against Commission Merchants.

BIG MOTOR TRUCK BURNED

All Efforts at Mediation Fail—Newark Will Try Farmers' Market.

After a day spent in intimidating truck owners who sought to cart fruit and vegetables away from the piers, a day full of argument and threat and punctuated by the burning at the corner of Washington and Chambers street of a big motor truck that had come into the district for a load of the forbidden fruit, the teamsters, chauffeurs and porters who so successfully tied up the fresh food market on Monday voted with a roar last night to continue their strike.

It was apparent last night that the commission merchants against whom the strike is directed are in the grip of the labor organization, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, L. J. Lippman and other leading members of the "Boosters Club," an organization of commission merchants; Col. Michael J. Regan and John J. Bealin of the State Board of Mediation and Arbitration and several union heads argued themselves hoarse in an effort to straighten things out.

The commission merchants offered a substantial salary increase to the men if they would return to work, and a ten hour day. The offer would give each man approximately \$7 more a week than was paid a year ago. The proposed salaries run from \$30 to \$35 a week.

Both Sides Stand Firm.

If you don't accept these terms quickly we'll make other arrangements for transporting our goods," they threatened the strikers.

The strikers felt that things were going their way when about 1,000 fruit and vegetable buyers at Gansevoort, Harlem and Washington markets also struck, because of the double cartage charge allowed by the Railway Administration for cartage from railway terminals to the merchants' places of business.

The strikers were on the streets about the terminals and piers and threatened drivers of wagons and chauffeurs who ventured into the fruit and vegetable zone. In spite of the efforts of the police they persisted in accusing drivers and telling them of the various unpleasant things that would happen if they were seen loading any of the foodstuffs into their carts. Generally the drivers were frightened away.

The motor truck that was fired had been operating in the district on Monday carting fruit. Yesterday, while it was waiting in the gutter in Washington street it burst into flames and was destroyed. Persons said that they had seen a man running away from it after the outbreak of the conflagration.

Loads of Produce Tied Up.

To-day, several hundred carloads of produce consigned to New York are tied up on the New Jersey side of the North River. Boats from Kingston, N. Y., arrived yesterday with 1,700 large crates of berries, but not one crate was unloaded. Strikers were picked at the waterfront watching this food.

It was stated that included in the enormous quantity of food that is perishing through inability of the merchants to have it carted away from the piers, is about \$70,000 worth of watermelons. The railroad embargo on fresh food shipments for this city continues, and things are tied up tighter than before. Markets in Jersey City and Newark are hard hit.

In Jersey City the strike was brought up an argument before the City Commissioners for the establishment of a farmers' market. Willard P. Stanton, acting manager of the Chamber of Commerce, said he had the guarantee of farmers in Passaic county that they would bring their goods to the market.

A resolution was passed providing for a trial of the farmers' market plan at Newark and Jersey avenues in July and August, every week day until 1 P. M. Many clubs are interested in the project.

CONNECTICUT SLAYER GUILTY.

Nick Nechemsky Killed Man in Trying Robbery.

WATERBURY, Conn., June 24.—Nick Nechemsky was found guilty of murder in the first degree in the Superior Court here this afternoon. The jury was out two hours. Sentence will be pronounced by Judge Burpee to-morrow.

On March 1 the body of Fred Torrant was found in the woods in the northern part of the town. Torrant had been in the habit of carrying a large sum of money, but did not have it with him on the night of the murder.

HAMBY IS GUILTY; TO DIE IN CHAIR

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acted by his fertile mind and skillful hands from banks and trains. Thousands of dollars have filtered like sand through his fingers. He liked the good things of life and did not wish to be poor.

His philosophy was that of the gambler. Throughout the United States he strolled his careless, dangerous way; late Canadian Central America (South America, Europe—always a soft spoken "two gun man," quick to flash a smile of friendship and as quick to draw and fire.

His record, as told by District Attorney Lewis, included three murders, the two men killed at the East Brooklyn Savings Bank and "Bob" Davis at Tacoma, and six other shootings in which death did not result. Two took place in St. Paul, one in Los Angeles, another in Chicago, one in Omaha and the last in Oklahoma.

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RETURN OF WIRES FIXED FOR JULY 31

Conferees Reach Agreement on Resolution Directing Giving Up of System.

RATES STAND 4 MONTHS

Compromise Effected on Differing Views of House and Senate.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—The wire systems are to be returned to their owners July 31. Agreement to this effect was reached after the return of the conferees of the Senate and House on the differing views of the two bodies on the resolution for the return.

The conferees have been in session several days thrashing out the wisdom of providing for a definite date for return of the system rather than providing that the return should be at the end of the calendar month following which the President approves the measure.

Senate conferees desired a definite date set, but assurance that the President would sign the resolution during July and make the return effective practically certainly on July 31 finally prevailed.

The only other difference of consequence between the returning resolution as passed by the House and the Senate was in regard to the duration of existing rates after the return of the wires. The House had fixed on six months and the Senate ninety days. A compromise on this point was reached and the rates will remain effective for four months.

Speedy approval of the conference report by the two branches of Congress is regarded as a certainty. Probably within the rest of the week this action will be taken and the reports under the rules can be brought up for consideration whenever presented.

The Senate conferees on the part of the Senate were Chairman Cummins (Ia.) of the Interstate Commerce Committee, Senators Pomerene (Ohio) and Smith (S. C.). The House conferees were Chairman Egan (Wis.) of the Interstate Commerce Committee and Representatives Hamilton (Mich.) and Sims (Tenn.).

SAY BOY STOLE \$7,000.

Police Accuse Lad of Robbing Hotels Where He Had Worked.

Detectives who went to Garden City yesterday to arrest Jimmie Daley, 14, said they had evidence that the boy had stolen more than \$7,000 in jewelry from hotels where he had been employed in the last few weeks. It is said he got a job at the Monticello Hotel in West Sixty-fourth street, June 7, and on the following day disappeared. Jewelry worth \$1,000 vanished at the same time.

Max Goldberg, 27, employed in a pawnshop which is said to have been patronized by Daley, was arrested later for receiving stolen goods. Daley is alleged to have admitted disposing of several pieces of jewelry from the St. Francis Hotel in East Orange.

Slayer Lets Her Out.

Hamby turned from his dangerous mission, opened the door and deliberately allowed her, the other woman and child, to leave. He said afterward he realized they would add to the hue and cry. But they were women and children.